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SUBJECT: PARK URGES NORTH TO ACCEPT TWO KOREAS IN UN

1. PRESIDENT PARK USED AUGUST 15 LIBERATION DAY
ADDRESS TO URGE NORTH KOREA TO ACCEPT THE ROK
PROPOSAL THAT BOTH KOREAS SHOULD APPLY TOGETHER
FOR UN MEMBERSHIP.

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2. STATING THAT THE PRIMARY REQUISITE FOR PROGRESS TOWARD UNIFICATION IN THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IS THE RESTORATION OF TRUST AMONG THE KOREAN PEOPLE, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT, RATHER THAN PERPETUATING NATIONAL DIVISION, JOINT ADMISSION TO THE UN WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO RESTORING TRUST AND EASING TENSION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. PARK SAID THAT IF NORTH KOREANS REJECT HIS PROPOSAL THEY WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THAT THEY HAVE NOT ABANDONED HOPE OF UNIFYING PENINSULA BY FORCE. HE CALLED ON THE NORTH TO QUOTE SHOW ITS INTENTION TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION CLEARLY TO THE WHOLE WORLD BY JOINING THE UN TOGETHER WITH THE ROK, IF THEY TRULY WANT TO SEE OUR COUNTRY UNIFIED BY PEACEFUL MEANS UNQUOTE.

3. IN REPORTING PRESIDENT'S SPEECH, ROK PRESS HAS UNIFORMLY GIVEN HEADLINE EMPHASIS TO THE UN PROPOSAL, WITH MOST HEADLINES READING "NORTH KOREA URGED TO ACCEPT SIMULTANEOUS UN ENTRY". COVERAGE AND EDITORIALS STRESS THAT UN ENTRY WOULD HELP UNIFICATION. HANKUK ILBO CALLED THE SPEECH A POLICY SHIFT, SINCE IT ACTIVELY PROPOSED UN ADMISSION FOR BOTH KOREAS INSTEAD OF THE PASSIVE POSITION OF NO OBJECTION TO SUCH ADMISSION WHICH THE PRESIDENT TOOK ON JUNE 23.

4. COMMENT: WHILE NOT ANNOUNCING A NEW POLICY, PARK'S WELL-WORDED AND CONCILIATORY SPEECH WAS CLEARLY DESIGNED TO REINFORCE HIS JUNE 23 FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE. HIS MODERATE REMARKS STAND IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE NORTH KOREAN'S BLUNT REJECTION OF EVEN PARTICIPATION IN THE UNIVERSIAD GAMES IN MOSCOW. WE EXPECT ROKG TO EXPLOIT THIS CONTRAST.

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